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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MICHAEL PARKS BYLINER, MONDAY, NOV-EMBER 4, BALSUN, HEADLINED "KREMLIN EXPRESSES SUMMIT OPTIMISM."
2. THE SOVIET UNION EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE OPTIMISM YESTERDAY ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE SO-CALLED VLADIVOSTOK MEETING LATE THIS MONTH BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND LEONID I. BREZHNEV, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY.
3. THE SHORT WORKING SESSION, WHICH WILL BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO DISCUSSIONS OF FURTHER LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS, PROMISES TO BE "A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION," THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA SAID.

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4. THE SOVIET UNION, THE PAPER SAID IN ITS AUTHORITATIVE WEEKLY REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, IS "FULL OF DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE ALONG THE ROAD PREVIOUSLY MAPPED OUT

IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, SEEKING TO ACHIEVE CONTINUED PROGRESS."

5. SOVIET COMMENTATORS ALSO HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS A WEEK AGO BETWEEN MR. BREZHNEV AND HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, ON THE NEW PRINCIPLES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS.

6. MR. BREZHNEV AND MR. KISSINGER APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED A BROAD UNDERSTANDING ON AN ACCEPTABLE "WORKING HYPOTHESIS" THAT COULD BECOME THE BASIS OF THE NEXT ARMS AGREEMENT IF BOTH SIDES FIND IT SATISFACTORY. IT IS LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA FOR THE NEXT AGREEMENT FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT MEETING NOVEMBER 23 AND 24.

7. PRAVDA DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL ON THE LIKELY AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT TALKS, BUT DID DECLARE THAT "LIFE HAS SHOWN THAT THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FULLY JUSTIFIES ITSELF."

8. "OF COURSE, IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW COMPLICATED AND SO FAR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS," THE NEWSPAPER SAID. "HOWEVER, SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETINGS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT, GIVEN GOODWILL, IT IS POSSIBLE TO FIND WAYS TO SETTLE SUCH PROBLEMS."

9. THIS AND SIMILAR COMMENTS IN AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET JOURNALS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS NOT ONLY UNDERLINE SOVIET SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE KISSINGER VISIT AND PROGRESS IN THE ARMS TALKS, BUT APPEAR TO PROMISE THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL FIND MOSCOW FORTHCOMING WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

10. WHILE THE SOVIET UNION ORIGINALLY SOUGHT THIS SUMMIT

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MEETING SO THAT MR. BREZHNEV COULD SIZE UP THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT, WHOM HE HAS MET ONLY IN PASSING, AND TO GET MR. FORD'S THINKING ON CURRENT WORLD PROBLEMS, MOSCOW IS QUITE PLEASED, ACCORDING TO SOVIET SOURCES, WITH THE PROSPECTS OF A BREAKTHROUGH ON THE LONG-STALEMATED STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS.

11. "THERE MAY WELL BE AS MUCH SUBSTANCE IN THIS DAY-

AND-A-HALF MEETING INVLADIVOSTOK AS THERE WAS IN THE WHOLE MOSCOW SUMMIT LAST SUMMER, ANDTHAT TOOK NEARLY WEEK," ONE SOVIET SPECIALIST IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID.

12. HOWEVER, THIS MEETING IS TURNING INTO A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR, AS NONE OF THE SOVIET OR AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PLANNING IT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IT WILL BE HELD.

13. AND, AFTER BALLYHOOING THE NEED FOR AN EARLY FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING, SOVIET OFFICIALS NOW ARE TRYING TO INSURE THAT IT RECEIVES A MINIMUM OF NEWS COVERAGE.

14. THE ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT A WEEK AGO SIMPLY SAID THE TWO LEADERS WOULD MEET IN THE "REGION OF VLADIVOSTOK" IN THE SOVIET FAR EAST.

15. "THAT IS ALL WE KNOW, AND THAT IS ALL THE SOVIET OFFICIALS KNOW," A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL HERE SAID. "WE HAVE QUESTIONS, BUT NO ANSWERS."

16. THE MOST LIKELY SITE, AMERICAN OFFICIALS HERE HAVE BEEN TOLD, IS A GROUP OF COUNTRY HOUSES OR A SANATORIUM-REST HOUSE COMPLEX NEAR THE PORT OF VLADIVOSTOK ON THE COAST OF THE SEA OF JAPAN.

17. THE SITE IS SAID TO BE ABOUT 50 MINUTES BY HELICOPTER FROM THE VLADIVOSTOK AIRPORT. THE EXACT LOCATION HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED.

18. MR. FORD IS EXPECTED TO FLY TO VLADIVOSTOK FROM SOUTH KOREA AROUND NOON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AND LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES ABOUT 24 HOURS LATER. MR.  
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BREZHNEV WILL BE COMING FROM MOSCOW AND LEAVE AFTER THE MEETING FOR THE MONGOLIAN CAPITAL OF ULAN BATOR.

19. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW EXPECTS TO SEND A GROUP OF OFFICIALS TO THE VLADIVOSTOK AREA SOON TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS. THAT EXPEDITION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE TEAM.

20. "WE WOULD LIKE TO GET GOING ON THIS, BUT THERE IS A SMALL PROBLEM," ONE EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID. "NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THE PLACE IS YET - NOBODY IN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, THAT IS, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY SOMEBODY MUST - AND SO THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN PREPARATIONS."

21. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD NEWS-  
MEN THAT NO MORE THAN 60 WILL BE ALLOWED TO COVER THE

SUMMIT CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH MORE THAN 180 WILL BE TRAVEL-  
ING WITH PRESIDENT FORD TO JAPAN AND KOREA AND APPROXI-  
MATELY 120 MOSCOW-BASED CORRESPONDENTS HAVE ASKED FOR  
ACCREDITATION.

22. THESE NEWSMEN WILL BE HOUSED IN ANOTHER COASTAL  
SANATORIUM, SOVIET OFFICIALS SAID, PERHAPS 20 TO 30  
MILES AWAY.

23. SOME SOVIET SOURCES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN IN THE  
LAST WEEK THAT MR. KISSINGER'S EXTENSIVE TRAVEL PLANS  
BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 18, WHEN PRESIDENT FORD LEAVES  
FOR JAPAN, WILL ALLOW LITTLE TIME FOR REFINING THE  
PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEXT AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC  
ARMS.

24. "HOW WILL THE AGENDA BE PREPARED FOR THE SUMMIT?"  
ONE SOURCE ASKED. "A STAFF CAN DO ONLY SO MUCH, AND THEN  
MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE. BUT DR. KISSINGER  
WILL BE IN AMMAN OR SOMEWHERE KISSING ARABS AGAIN." INGERSOLL

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